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BEAVERTON HONORS VETERANS WITH PURPLE HEART CITY RESOLUTION AT TONIGHT'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton City Council will vote tonight on a resolution to honor local veterans who have received a Purple Heart by designating Beaverton as a Purple Heart City. If approved, the city will begin the process to install a commemorative Purple Heart sign at Beaverton's Veterans Memorial Park, which is located at SW 7th and Washington in downtown Beaverton.

"We are so grateful for the sacrifices our veterans have made," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "By designating Beaverton as a Purple Heart City, we will honor the service members who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use; it was created by General George Washington in 1782. They are awarded by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, whose mission is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat-wounded veterans and their families, to promote patriotism, to support legislative initiatives, and to make sure the people of the United States never forget their sacrifices.

If approved, Beaverton will join Albany, Bend, La Pine, Medford, Prineville, and Redmond as Oregon's official Purple Heart Cities.

The resolution will be voted on at the Beaverton City Council meeting tonight, Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at The Beaverton Building council chambers, 12725 SW Millikan Way. For more information, call 503-526-2497.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2014, Beaverton was recognized as the **safest city** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press for cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine and recognized as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the**

100 Best Walking Cities in America by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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